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SUBJECT: CO-PRODUCTION OF M203 GRENADE LAUNCHER BY
SINGAPORE AND THAILAND

REF: SINGAPORE 1725

1. WE REGRET ANY MISUNDERSTANDING THAT MAY HAVE ARISEN
OVER USG REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO TRANSFER OF TECHNICAL
DATA TO THAILAND. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT PRINCIPLE OF
CO-PRODUCTION OF M203 JOINTLY BY SINGAPORE AND THAILAND IS
NOT INVOLVED, SINCE THE PRESIDENT HAS PERSONALLY APPROVED
THAT CONCEPT. WHAT WE ARE NOW TALKING ABOUT IS REQUIRE-
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MENT IN SECTION 3(A)(2) OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT (AECA)
THAT ALL COUNTRIES RECEIVING DEFENSE ARTICLES, RELATED
TRAINING AND OTHER DEFENSE SERVICES, (WHICH WE CONSIDER
AS INCLUDING TDPS AND THE PRODUCTS DERIVED THEREFROM) UNDER
FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, "SHALL HAVE AGREED NOT
TO TRANSFER TITLE TO, OR POSSESSION OF, -ANY DEFENSE-
ARTICLE OR RELATED TRAINING OR OTHER DEFENSE SERVICE SO

FURNISHED TO IT TO ANYONE NOT AN OFFICER, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF THAT COUNTRY OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND NOT TO USE OR PERMIT THE USE OF SUCH ARTICLE OR RELATED TRAINING OR OTHER DEFENSE SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR WHICH FURNISHED UNLESS THE CONSENT OF THE PRESIDENT HAS FIRST BEEN OBTAINED."

2. THE LOA OF JANUARY SIGNED BY SINGAPORE DOES NOT COVER THAILAND. SINCE ONLY ONE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT CAN SIGN AN LOA, THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IS A NEW LOA (I.E., A SEPARATE TDP SALE) FOR THAILAND OR A THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER FROM SINGAPORE TO THAILAND. LATTER IS EASIER AND LESS COMPLEX TRANSACTION THAN LOA. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE INITIATING 30-DAY CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 3(D) OF AECA. UPON COMPLETION OF THAT PERIOD PLUS RECEIPT OF TRANSFER AND USE ASSURANCES FROM GOT, WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE FINAL USG CONSENT TO TRANSFER. IN MEANTIME, YOU MAY WISH TO ASSURE APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIALS THAT PROGRAM IS NOT IN DOUBT AND THAT CURRENT THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER PROCEDURE IS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S EARLIER APPROVAL OF THAT PROGRAM.

3. FOR BANGKOK: EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST GOT TO PROVIDE TRANSFER AND USE ASSURANCES ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.
QTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THAILAND PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
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EMBASSY THE PARTICIPATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND IN THE PRODUCTION OF M203 GRENADE LAUNCHERS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE.

AS THE EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION WILL BE MANUFACTURED IN THAILAND AND SINGAPORE BY THE USE OF TECHNICAL DATA PROVIDED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROCEDURES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE OF WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THE TRANSFER OF THE TECHNICAL DATA AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH TECHNICAL DATA AND THE DEFENSE ARTICLES DERIVED THEREFROM TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON EXCEPT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE AND THAT SUCH TECHNICAL DATA AND DEFENSE ARTICLES WILL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MILITARY SALES MAY BE MADE BY THE UNITED STATES.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE TECHNICAL DATA AND THE DEFENSE ARTICLES DERIVED THEREFROM AND/OR THEIR COMPONENTS WHICH IT PROPOSES TO OBTAIN FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR

PERSON EXCEPT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SINGAPORE AND THAT IT WILL USE SUCH ARTICLES SOLELY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY, FOR LEGITIMATE SELF-DEFENSE, TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL OR COLLECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS OR MEASURES CONSISTENT WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, OR TO ENGAGE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS OR OTHER ACTIVITIES HELPFUL TO CONFIDENTIAL

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